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here's where Senator Smith shows he's not a good negotiator. He gave away everything yesterday and got nothing for it. What he lost was a strong ally. And I said they would gain a little, but they wouldn't consider that they lost a lot. He just happens to be the first one. He knows he hasn't got 25 votes, and I'm going to give him a way to get a straw vote pretty soon. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the I support Senator Jensen's attempt at compromise here. Actually, I'm not one who would normally do this. I think he's made a good faith effort, but if Senator Smith doesn't want to do this then I guess we'll just go on and on with this bill. think having this kind of information collected, as Senator Jensen, as Chair of the Health and Human Services Committee, working with the Transportation Committee, would at least ease the minds of those of you who have gotten so much information from such a variety of sources. I guess I'm a little concerned that Senator Smith is worried about the scientific groups and the government people collecting the statistics. He wants to have advocates of helmet removal or the helmet law being eliminated from our statute as part of that. I think it's really important that we get the people who aren't there with a So I'm very supportive of university faculty, of having independent folks who have that kind of background which we have in government who keep those statistics, who information to do that kind of analysis. I think it's important we take the political element out of that, that putting lay people in trying to interpret statistics has on these kinds of So I support that study for that purpose. I really don't think Senator Jensen...if I were Senator Jensen, I guess, as Chair of the Health and Human Services Committee, I'd just wait this thing out. I think he's offered Senator Smith a reasonable proposal that he's willing to work with him on and I heard him talk at the beginning and now the last time he talked I get the impression he doesn't want to negotiate. And so I just want to clarify what I heard from the first time to the last time he spoke. Senator Smith, are you willing to work with